

PHOENIX - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today participated in a roundtable discussion at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on the economic impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act hosted by Vice President Joe Biden. Biden and Mitchell were joined by local business and education leaders to discuss the impact of the Recovery Act in saving and creating jobs, in addition to promoting long term, sustainable economic growth in Arizona.

"Vice President Biden's presence speaks to the importance of Arizona in our nation's recovery," Mitchell said. "A significant portion of the Recovery Act comes in the form of tax cuts provided to over 95 percent of taxpayers and investment benefits for small businesses and renewable energy projects that will be the engines that jumpstart our local economy."

During the roundtable, Biden emphasized the impact of the Recovery Act in Arizona on small-business lending, clean-technology investment, infrastructure projects and teaching jobs. The event took place at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, which has received \$11.7 million in Recovery Act funding that will help create much needed jobs to construct a new commercial airport taxiway.

Last month, Governor Jan Brewer announced that the Recovery Act created and retained roughly 10,000 in Arizona. [Source: [Office of the Governor, October 31, 2009](#)]

Brewer added that although Recovery Act dollars do not solve Arizona's budget crisis, it has helped Arizona mitigate the impacts of a down economy. "I am pleased to see Recovery Act funds have contributed to areas such as Medicaid, education, and transportation," Brewer said. [Source: [Office of the Governor, October 31, 2009](#)]